

Conner Training



Purpose	This fund provides financial support to transition individuals currently residing in the two State Resource Centers to community living settings of their choice. Conner Training annual appropriation is mandated by a consent decree in 1994.							
Who Is Helped	Conner Training funds provide training and educational materials to assist people living in the State Resource Centers who wish to move to home or community settings.							
Services	<p>The Department contracts with the Center for Excellence at the University of Iowa to administer this funding.</p> <p>Transition Services: Conner funding helps to fill small funding gaps for people transitioning to home or community care or remaining in their community placements. It covers items such as rent, utilities, and other items for interim housing needs. Most transition funding comes from Medicaid or other sources.</p> <p>Education Services: Conner funds support the www.disabilitytraining.org website, the “Let’s Talk Disability” blog, the <i>Possibilities</i> newsletter, and a Facebook page.</p>	<p>Expenditures SFY15</p> <table><caption>Expenditures SFY15 (Thousands)</caption><thead><tr><th>Category</th><th>Expenditure (Thousands)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Services</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>Education</td><td>7</td></tr></tbody></table>	Category	Expenditure (Thousands)	Services	18	Education	7
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Goals & Strategies	<p>Goal: Promote choice for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide gap funding and education.</p>	<p>Results in SFY15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 unduplicated individuals received funding• 7 individuals transitioning from the resource centers were supported by Conner funds.• 14 individuals who had resided in a resource center were supported in remaining in the community.						
Legal Basis	<p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Iowa General Assembly was mandated to annually fund the Conner Training by the consent decree of Conner v. Branstad, No. 4-86-CV-30871 (433 S.D. Iowa, July 14, 1994).							